

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A portable telephone holder for a portable telephone equipped with a belt clip comprising:

an elongated shelf ~~with which~~ has a thickness between a top side comprising a telephone support surface and an underside that is opposite said top side and that to provide an engagement surface for the belt clip when the portable telephone is positioned on the elongated shelf, and wherein said elongated shelf has opposite outer edges and terminates at one end with a ~~concave-slanted~~ beveled surface between the opposite outer edges to provide a thinner edge profile at said one end to facilitate spreading the belt clip from the portable telephone as the portable telephone and belt clip are moved onto the elongated shelf, and further wherein said beveled surface is concave so that said one end of the elongated shelf is thicker at the outer edges than midway between the outer edges to facilitate retention of the portable telephone on the elongated shelf.

Claim 2 (original): The portable telephone holder of claim 1, wherein said elongated shelf has a length and a width, and wherein said length is at least two times as long as the width.

Claim 3 (original): The portable telephone holder of claim 1, including a pair of ridges protruding from the underside of the shelf and spaced apart a sufficient distance in relation to each other to allow positioning a belt clip on the telephone between said ridges.

Claim 4 (original): The portable telephone holder of claim 1, wherein the shelf has a notch extending from the distal end longitudinally into the shelf with opposite side portions of the shelf forming lateral edges of the notch.

Claim 5 (original): The portable telephone holder of claim 4, including a stem extending from the opposite side portions to provide a cantilever support for the shelf.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A portable telephone holder, comprising:

an elongated shelf with a top side comprising a telephone support surface and an underside that is opposite said top side; and

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a pair of elongated ridges adjacent one end of the shelf and protruding from the underside of the shelf and spaced a sufficient distance apart in relation to each other to form a channel defined by said guide ridges and a portion of the underside of the shelf between said guide edges to allow positioning a clip on ~~the~~ a telephone in the channel between said ridges when the telephone is positioned on the support surface.

Claim 7 (original): The portable telephone holder of claim 6, wherein the shelf has a notch extending from said one edge longitudinally into the shelf with opposite side portions of the shelf forming lateral edges of the notch.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The portable telephone holder of claim 7, including a concave ~~slanted~~ beveled surface on the shelf adjacent said notch.

Claim 9 (original: The portable telephone holder of claim 6, including a stem connected to the shelf to support the shelf.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A portable telephone holder comprising:

an elongated shelf with a notch in an end of the shelf with opposite side portions of the shelf forming lateral edges of the notch; and

a stem ~~connected to~~ extending the opposite side portions to a support base positioned below the shelf.

Claim 11 (new): A holder for a portable telephone equipped with a clip, comprising an elongated shelf with a top side comprising a telephone support surface and an underside that serves as an engagement surface for the clip, including a channel under the shelf with guide ridges spaced a distance apart from each other sufficient to receive and accommodate the clip, to resist lateral movement of the clip off the shelf, and to prevent pivoting of the clip.

Claim 12 (new): The holder of claim 11, wherein the ridges protrude downwardly from the underside of the shelf and the channel includes a portion of the underside of the shelf between the ridges.

Claim 13 (new): A holder for a portable telephone shelf (30) with a support surface (41) that is shaped in such a manner that a straight line extends in the support surface (41) between a proximal end to a notch (52) in an opposite, distal end of the elongated shelf (30) bounded laterally by opposite vertical surfaces (56, 58), which are parallel to said straight line such that the notch (52) is substantially co-planar with the support surface (41).

Claim 14 (new): A portable telephone holder for a portable telephone associated with a belt clip, comprising:

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an elongated, substantially planar shelf which has a thickness between a top side comprising a telephone support surface extending between a proximal end and an opposite, distal end, and wherein said elongated shelf has opposite outer edges adjacent the distal end and terminates at a beveled surface at said distal edge extending between said opposite outer edges to provide a thinner profile at said distal end to facilitate spreading the belt clip from the portable telephone as the portable telephone and belt clip are moved onto the elongated shelf.

Claim 15 (new): A method of stowing a portable telephone with a clip in a vehicle, comprising:

sliding the telephone longitudinally on a top surface of an elongated shelf while the clip slides into a channel under the shelf that is between two ridges, which resist movement of the clip and telephone off the shelf and that tend to prevent the clip from pivoting, thereby limiting pivotal movement of the telephone on the shelf.

Claim 16 (new): A method of stowing a portable telephone with a clip in a vehicle, comprising:

sliding the telephone longitudinally on a top surface of an elongated shelf that has a thickness between a top surface and a bottom surface, including sliding the clip under a beveled distal end between outer edges of the shelf, which is concave to be thicker at the outer edges than midway between the outer edges, thereby spreading the clip while guiding the clip toward said midway between the outer edges.